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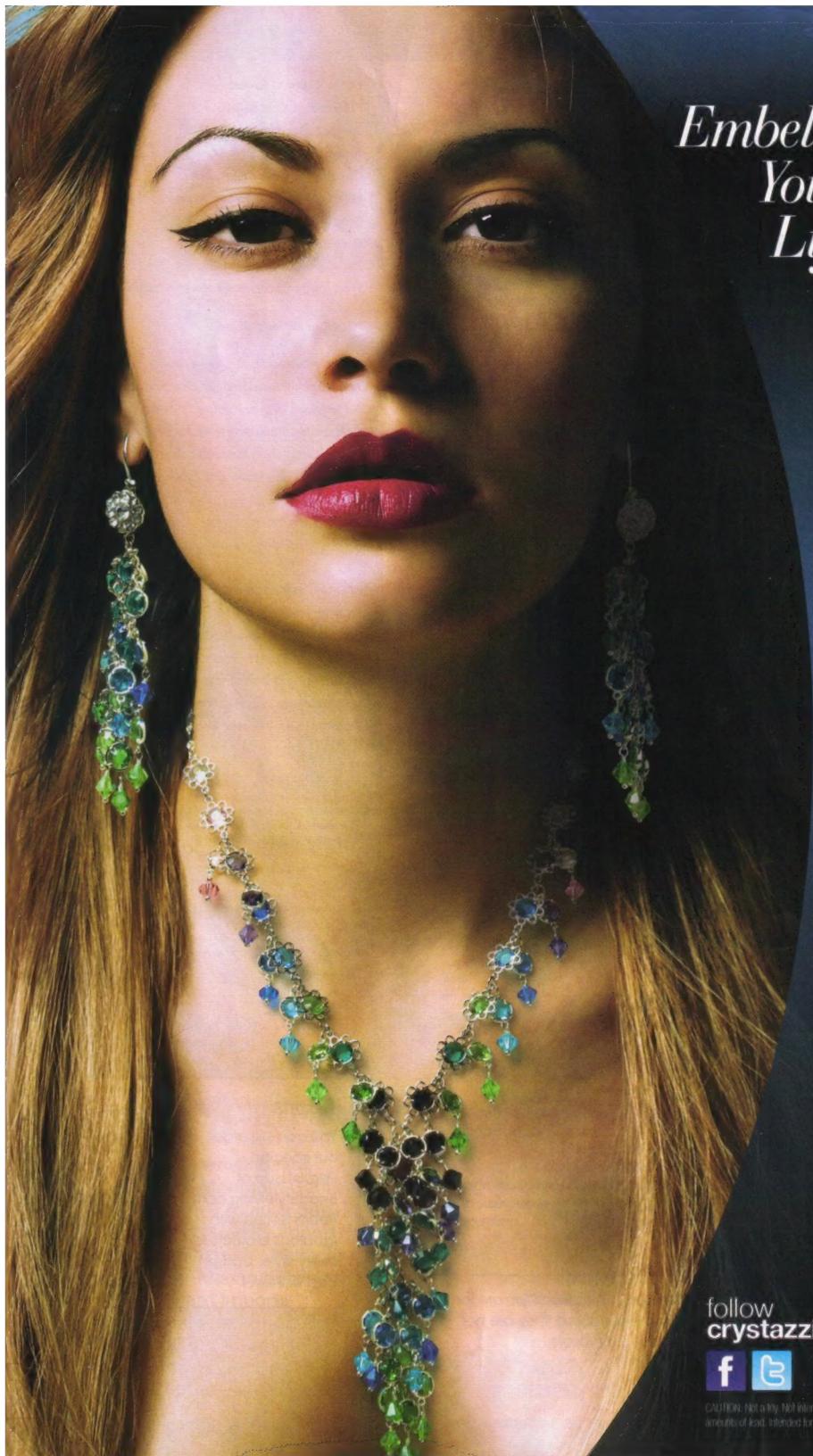
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## From the editor

# Looking for a challenge?

This issue is full of them. First, we are challenging your perceptions. We want you to think "flowers" without adding the word "spring." As we approach fall, *BeadStyle* gathered a bunch of floral designs that — because of their materials, color, or design — defy seasonal labels. After all, when Mother Nature is getting a little stingy with her blooms, it's up to us to create our own.

Our cover piece is a great example. The versatile mixed metals Naomi used make this statement necklace (p. 32) a standout any time of year, but particularly beautiful as we are transitioning to a richer color palette. Be sure to check out the other floral projects on pp. 39, 42, 50, 58, and 66.

We're also throwing down our second Tucson treasure challenge. Go to p. 18 to find out how to get one of our six new challenge kits. Then head to [BeadStyleMag.com](http://BeadStyleMag.com) — it's full of results from our recent challenges. For example, the winner of our Bead&Button Show stash challenge, Lisa Johnson, created a wonderfully intricate necklace. Download the free project to find out how to make it. While you're on the website, click on the link in the "What's New" section to vote for your favorite resin challenge finalist.

Subscribers can download five new projects from our latest staff challenge. We each created jewelry to complement a colorful blouse AND fit our personal style.

PS: In the July issue, there's a mistake in the supply list for the June birthstone project. The round beads from The Whole Bead Shop ([wholebeadshop.com](http://wholebeadshop.com)) are 18 mm.



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Looking for inspiration? Jewelry designer Marie Vela blends various wirework techniques with richly hued beads to create these one-of-a-kind jewelry sets.

This design involves twisting and wire crocheting. Sometimes Marie's finished necklaces are the result of a bracelet that didn't go quite right. "I just don't like to redo," she says. "I do better by adding to it and making it into something else!"



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Marie found inspiration in the colors of these beads. "I first bought the quartz cabochon, then was just so lucky to find the cherry volcano quartz beads. They came together beautifully."

The inspiration for this twisted copper vine stems from the beads. "The idea came to me when I purchased a string of small, round garnets," Marie says. "The rich color reminded me of a cluster of grapes."

Share your extraordinary bead-stringing designs with BeadStyle readers. Send a photo or JPEG of your work to BeadStyle, PO Box 1612, Waukesha, WI 53187-1612 or [editor@beadstylemag.com](mailto:editor@beadstylemag.com).

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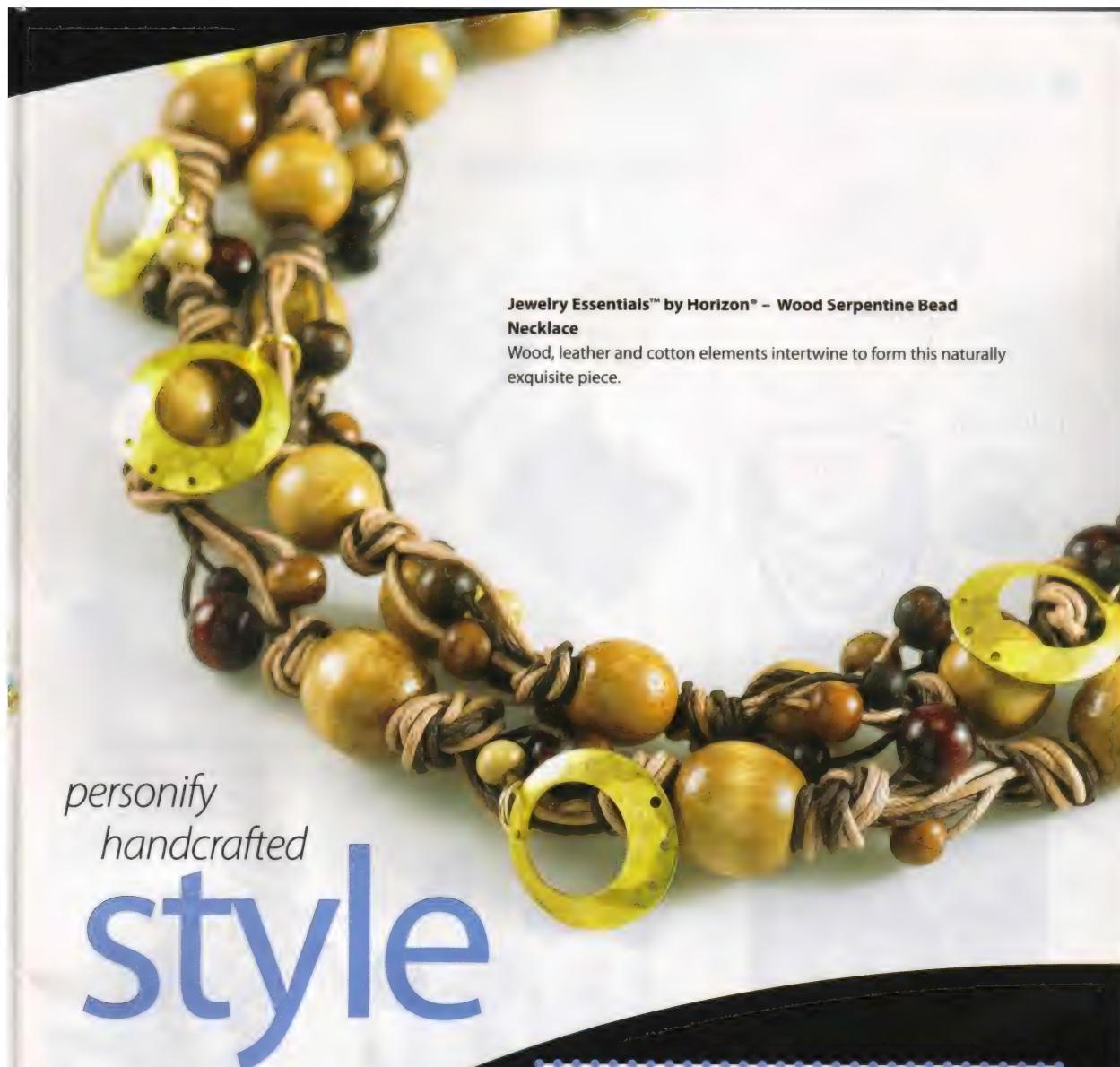
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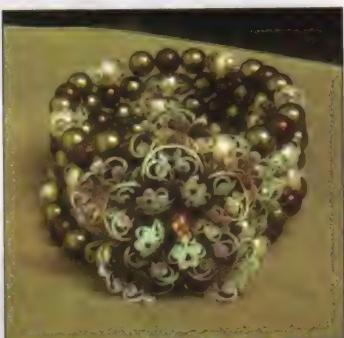
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## ● Bulletin board

### Our favorite pick



Cathy Jakicic designed a "Gilded cuff" for Pearls.



Kelly Yeats made her own version for her mother.

“I modified it a bit, using a crystal head pin instead of a pearl in the center of the filigree, and I used different pearl colors.”

### Stuff we like



### Lockets, bottles, and bezels

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## Pins and needles

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## Tips from readers



### Use crimp beads to finish ribbon jewelry

Using a folded piece of flexible beading wire as a needle, pull the ribbon through a crimp bead and a clasp. Go back through the crimp bead. Crimp the crimp bead and close a large crimp cover over the crimp. Repeat on the other side, omitting the clasp. Trim the extra ribbon close to the crimp cover.

Kathrine S. Bradley



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Bianca Gonzalez

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### Tucson challenge II

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## Project Birthstones

# August: Peridot

I saw the peridot and periwinkle combination in a scene from the movie "Alice in Wonderland" this spring and I've been wanting to try these colors ever since. This August birthstone project gave me the perfect opportunity. Just a few perky blue beads energize the simple green strands. - Cathy Jakicic



## Supplies

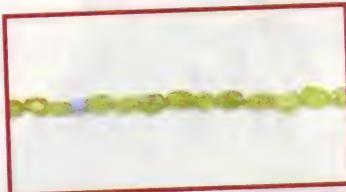
### necklace 21 in. (53 cm)

- ◆ 4 14-in. (36 cm) strands 7 mm oval peridot beads
- ◆ 12-18 4 mm cube beads
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .010 or .012
- ◆ 6 in. (15 cm) half-hard 26-gauge wire
- ◆ 8 crimp beads
- ◆ box clasp
- ◆ chainnose or crimping pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

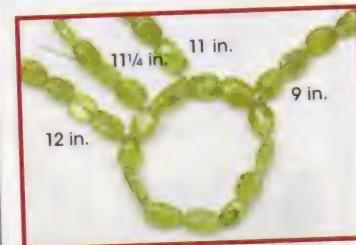
### earrings

- ◆ 24 7 mm oval peridot beads
- ◆ 2 4 mm cube beads
- ◆ 14 in. (36 cm) half-hard 26-gauge wire
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

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**1 necklace** • Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics, p. 82). String 9 in. (23 cm) of peridot beads, interspersing cube beads. Repeat to string an 11-in. (28 cm), an 11 1/4-in. (28.6 cm), and a 12-in. (30 cm) beaded strand.



**3** On one end of each strand, string a crimp bead and the peridot circle as shown. Go back through the last few beads strung and tighten the wires. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics) and trim the excess wire.



**2** Cut a 6-in. (15 cm) piece of 26-gauge wire. String 12 peridot beads. Make a set of wraps above the beads (Basics) to form a circle. Fold the wraps behind the beads and trim the excess wire.



**4** On the remaining end of each strand, string a crimp bead and a cube bead. String the three longer strands through half of a box clasp. String the shortest strand through the other half of the clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Go back through the last few beads strung and tighten the wires. Crimp the crimp beads and trim the excess wire.



**1** **earrings** • Cut a 7-in. (18 cm) piece of 26-gauge wire. String seven peridot beads, a cube bead, and five peridot beads. Wrap one wire around the other. Trim the excess wrapping wire.



**2** Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82). Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics) and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring. Use your fingers to shape the beaded loops as desired.

Contact Cathy at [editor@beadstylemag.com](mailto:editor@beadstylemag.com).

For more tips on mixing colors, see our first color workshop on p. 49.



#### Tip

Use the periwinkle beads sparingly. The strong blue color — even in a small bead — will fight with the peridot if the proportions aren't weighted heavily in the lighter peridot's favor.

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## Project Birthstones

Beginner

# September: Sapphire

I love the classic blue sapphire color, even if it's not a real sapphire. These chunky Lucite beads pack a powerful (but not overpowering) punch while the delicate chain accents add elegance. - *Cathy Jakicic*



1 On a 3-in. (7.6 cm) head pin, string a spacer and a Lucite nugget.



2 On a 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pin, string a 3 mm bicone crystal. Make a plain loop (Basics, p. 82).



3 Cut a 1¼-in. (4.4 cm), a 2¼-in. (5.7 cm), and a 2¾-in. (7 cm) piece of chain. Open the loop of the bicone unit (Basics) and attach the shortest chain. Close the loop.



4 On the head pin of the nugget unit, string each end link of the 2¼-in. (5.7 cm) chain, each end link of the 2¾-in. (7 cm) chain, and one end link of the bicone dangle. Make a wrapped loop (Basics).



5 Open the loop of an earring wire and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring. \*

## Supplies

- ♦ 2 30 mm Lucite nuggets
- ♦ 2 3 mm bicone crystals
- ♦ 2 4 mm spacers
- ♦ 14 in. (36 cm) chain, 2 mm links
- ♦ 2 3-in. (7.6 cm) head pins
- ♦ 2 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- ♦ pair of earring wires
- ♦ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ♦ diagonal wire cutters

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## Tip

Store these earrings hanging up to keep the chains from tangling.



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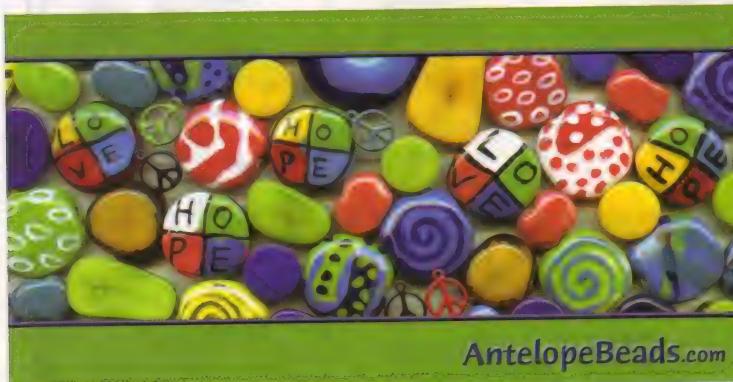
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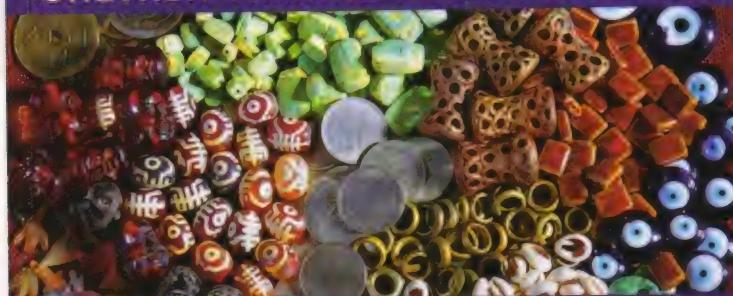


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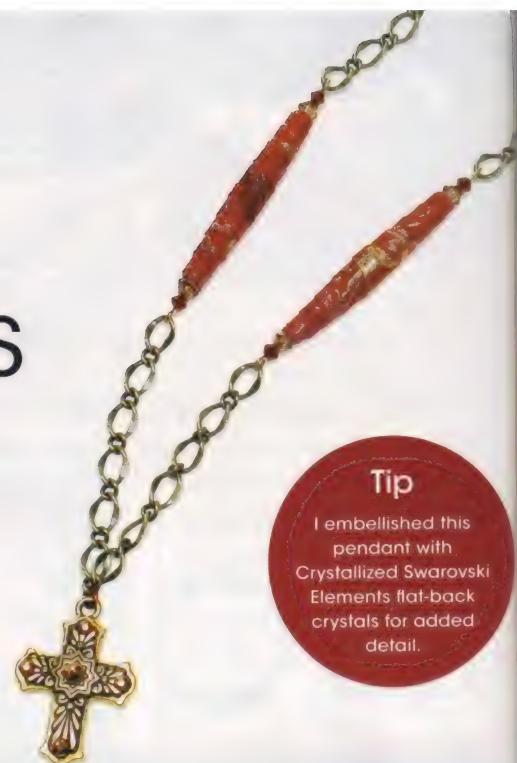
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Project

# Beautiful batik beads

I love the simplicity of this necklace compared to the depth of its symbolism. I don't view the cross as a religious icon but more of a representation of an ancient relic symbolizing faith and hope passed down through generations. I threw in a splash of red fabric beads to really pop against the different golds in the piece. I think the truest color of passion is red and I wanted this piece to connect to the heart — where it came from! — *Kristal Wick*



## Tip

I embellished this pendant with Crystallized Swarovski Elements flat-back crystals for added detail.

## Supplies

### necklace 17 in. (43 cm)

- ◆ 20 mm pendant
- ◆ 2 1 1/2-in. (3.8 cm) Batik Beauties fabric beads
- ◆ 4 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 4 3 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 5 in. (13 cm) 22- or 24-gauge wire
- ◆ 12-14 in. (30-36 cm) chain, 5-7 mm links
- ◆ 2 4 mm jump rings
- ◆ lobster claw clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

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Contact Kristal at [kristal@kristalwick.com](mailto:kristal@kristalwick.com).



1 Cut a 2 1/2-in. (6.4 cm) piece of wire. Make a plain loop (Basics, p. 82). String: 3 mm bicone crystal, 4 mm bicone crystal, fabric bead, 4 mm, 3 mm. Make a plain loop. Make a second bead unit.



2 Cut a 4-in. (10 cm) piece of chain. Open a jump ring (Basics) and attach a pendant and the center link. Close the jump ring.

3 Cut two 4-5-in. (10-13 cm) pieces of chain. Open the loops of a bead unit (Basics). Attach one loop to an end link of the center chain. Attach the other loop to one end of a 4-5-in. (10-13 cm) chain. Close the loops. Repeat on the other side.

4 Use a jump ring to attach a lobster claw clasp and an end link of chain. \*

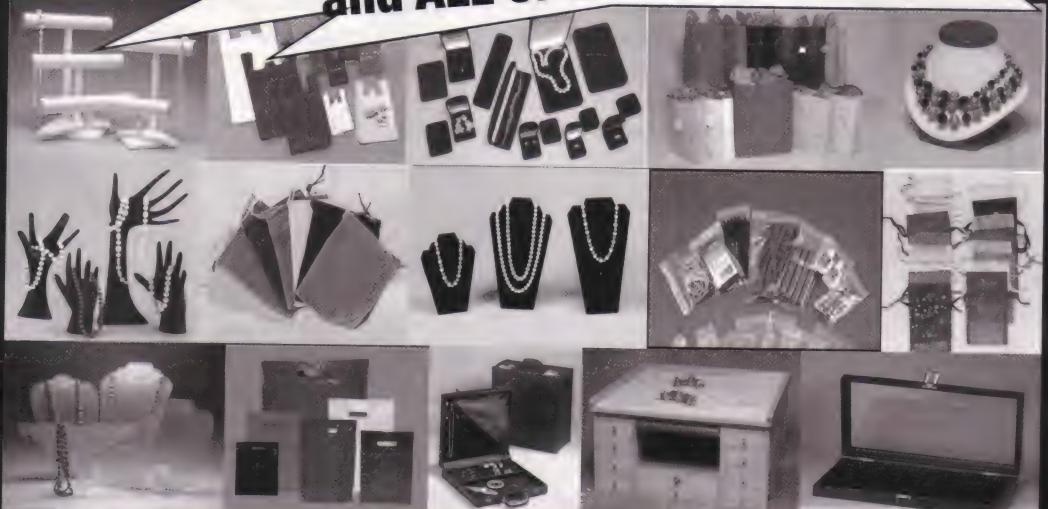
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# Twist a tree pendant



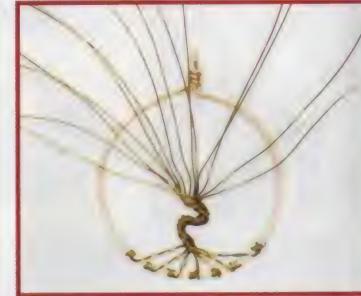
Remember those money trees they sold at trinket shops back in the day? I always loved them and wanted to incorporate the concept into jewelry. You can also interpret this pendant as the Tree of Life, an ancient symbol that has been used to represent everything from human origins to the connectedness of all life on earth. Choose colors in seasonal shades or play with the whole rainbow! – Allyson Giesen



**1** To make a hammered ring: Cut a 10-in. (25 cm) piece of 16-gauge wire and wrap it around a cylindrical object. Make a right-angle bend with one end and wrap the other end around it several times. Trim the wrapping wire. With the remaining end, make a plain loop (Basics, p. 82) perpendicular to the ring. Place the ring on a bench block or anvil. Hammer both sides of the ring.



**2** Cut 14 6-in. (15 cm) pieces of 26-gauge wire. Holding the wires in a bundle, begin twisting them together 1½ in. (3.8 cm) from one end. Twist for ½ in. (1.3 cm). Splay the wire ends above and below the twist. Use roundnose pliers to form two kinks in the twist.



**3** Place the bundle inside the ring with the short "root" wires at the bottom. Pinch together two adjacent root wires and twist them together loosely. Wrap both ends around the ring two or three times. Trim the excess wire and tuck the ends. Repeat with the remaining root wires.

With the tip of your roundnose pliers, kink the root wires.

### Tip

Use larger beads for fuller branches. The autumnal tree has 2 mm round crystals, while the rainbow tree has 2 x 3 mm rondelles.

The ring at left is from Beading Dreams; the ring at right was made following step 1.



## Supplies

necklace 16 in. (41 cm)

- ◆ 150-175 2-3 mm crystal, gemstone, cubic zirconia, or faceted glass round beads or rondelles
- ◆ 40-45 mm hammered ring, or 10 in. (25 cm) 16-gauge wire and cylindrical object
- ◆ 7 ft. (2.1 m) 26-gauge wire
- ◆ 16 in. (41 cm) chain, 2-5 mm links
- ◆ 2-3 4-5 mm jump rings
- ◆ lobster claw clasp and soldered jump ring
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ bench block or anvil (optional)
- ◆ hammer (optional)

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**4** Pinch together two or three adjacent "branch" wires and twist them together two or three times. Separate the wires. On one wire, string enough 2-3 mm beads to reach the ring. Wrap the end around the ring, trim the excess wire, and tuck the end. Repeat with the remaining branch wires.

**5** Cut a 16-in. (41 cm) piece of chain. If using a pre-made hammered ring, open a jump ring (Basics) and attach the pendant and the center link of chain. Close the jump ring. If you made the ring, open the loop (Basics), attach the center link of chain, and close the loop.

**6** On one end of the chain, use a jump ring to attach a lobster claw clasp. Repeat on the other end, substituting a soldered jump ring for the clasp. \*

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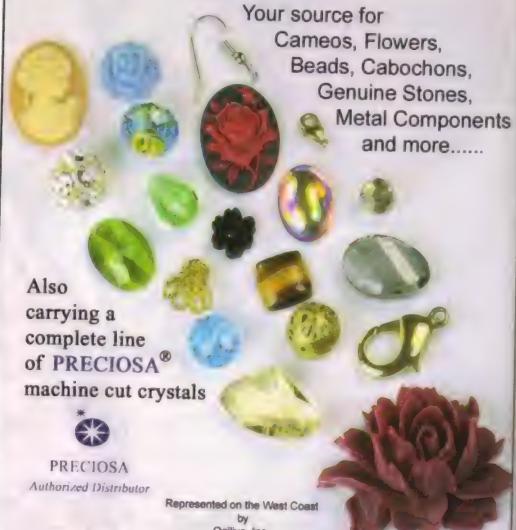
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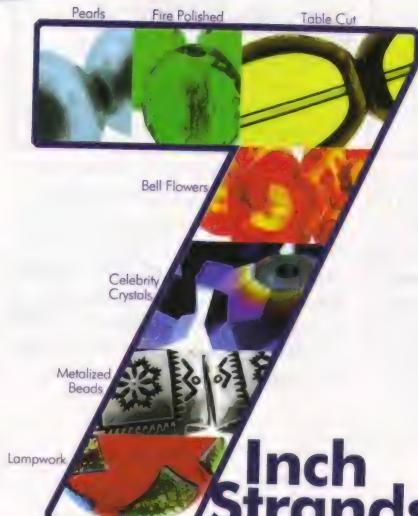
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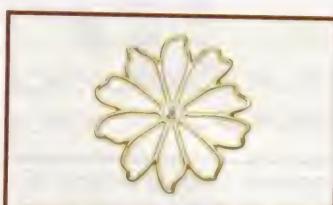
Drape chain and metal flowers in a statement necklace

by Naomi Fujimoto

There's never been a better time to be a flower girl; the trend is going strong. Try a variety of different elements: I used brass and gold-plated flowers with silver-backed cup chain — plus dots of orange — for a mix-and-match effect. An off-center bracelet dangle and smaller lily pad earrings continue the flower theme without overdoing it.



**1** necklace • On a head pin, string a margarita crystal, the center of a flower, and a spacer. Make a right-angle bend. Wrap the head pin wire around the stem, between the spacer and flower. Trim the excess wire.



**2a** Apply glue to a flat-back crystal. Use chainnose pliers to place the flat back on the center of a flower. Allow to dry.  
**b** Attach margaritas, as in step 1, or flat backs, as in step 2a, to make five flower units.



**3** Open a 7 mm (medium) jump ring (Basics, p. 82). Attach a petal of a flower unit and a petal of a second flower unit. Close the jump ring. Use medium jump rings to attach the remaining flower units.



**4** Cut two 4½–6-in. (11.4–15 cm) pieces of 8 mm link chain. Attach one end of each chain to a 12–13 mm (large) jump ring. Use medium jump rings to attach each end of the flower section to a large jump ring.



**5** Use a 4 mm (small) jump ring to attach a lobster claw clasp and the remaining end of one chain from step 4.



**6** On a head pin, string an 8 mm round crystal, a margarita, and a spacer. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics). Attach the other end of the chain and complete the wraps.



**7** Place one end of a cup chain in a cup connector. Use chainnose pliers to fold over the prongs.



**8** Attach the loop of the cup connector to one of the large jump rings. Trim the chain to the desired length. Attach a cup connector to the cut end, then attach the other large jump ring.



**9** Attach chains as desired; check the drape as you go. I attached chains in the following lengths: 6 in. (15 cm) cup chain, 7 in. (18 cm) 8 mm chain, 7½ in. (19.1 cm) cup chain, 9 in. (23 cm) 8 mm chain, 10 in. (25 cm) cup chain.

## Attaching chain

• You can use a neck form or bust to help you check the drape of the necklace.  
• Use additional 7 mm jump rings to attach the chains (or flowers) if they drape better that way.



1 bracelet • Following steps 1 or 2a of the necklace, make a flower unit.



2 Decide how long you want your bracelet to be, subtract  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (1.3 cm), and cut two cup chains, one 2-3 mm link chain, and two 8 mm link chains to that length.



3 Place one end of a cup chain in a cup connector. Use chain-nose pliers to fold over the prongs. Repeat on the other end. Attach cup connectors to each end of the second piece of cup chain.



4 Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 82). Attach the loop of a cup connector, an end link of 8 mm chain, and an outer loop of half of a slide clasp. Close the jump ring. Repeat with the remaining cup chain and 8 mm chain. Use jump rings to attach the other chain ends and clasp half.



5 Use jump rings to attach the 2-3 mm chain and the center loop of each half of the clasp.



6 Use a jump ring to attach the flower unit to one of the outer chains.



### Naomi Fujimoto

Naomi's tip? Check your stash for crystals and chain left over from other projects. Except for the flowers, all of the supplies came from the BeadStyle workroom. Contact Naomi at [nfujimoto@beadstylemag.com](mailto:nfujimoto@beadstylemag.com).



The margaritas (flower-shaped crystals) are Crystallized Swarovski Elements article #3700. The briolettes in the earrings are article #6010.

**Supply note** • For more delicate, lightweight earrings, use smaller briolettes. The crystal briolettes are also available in 11, 13, and 17 mm sizes. (You can even skip the beads altogether.)



**1** earrings • Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 82). Attach a briolette and a loop of a lily pad bloom. Close the jump ring.



**2** Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring. \*



### Design alternative

Earrings aren't just a side note: Try different flower (or leaf) arrangements when a statement necklace is too much.



## Supplies

### necklace 16 in. (41 cm)

- ◆ 75 mm metal flower
- ◆ 55 mm brass flower
- ◆ 2 35 mm metal eight-petal flowers
- ◆ 26 mm metal three-petal clover flower
- ◆ 16 mm metal lily pad bloom
- ◆ 8 mm round crystal
- ◆ 3-4 6-10 mm margarita crystals
- ◆ 2-3 6-8 mm flat-back crystals
- ◆ 3-4 3-4 mm spacers
- ◆ 25-36 in. (64-91 cm) chain, 8 mm links
- ◆ 16-21 in. (41-53 cm) 2.5-3 mm cup chain, color A
- ◆ 7½-9 in. (19.1-23 cm) 2.5-3 mm cup chain, color B
- ◆ 6 cup connectors
- ◆ 3-4 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- ◆ 2 12-13 mm (large) jump rings
- ◆ 7-17 7 mm (medium) jump rings
- ◆ 4 mm (small) jump ring
- ◆ lobster claw clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ Gem-Tac

### bracelet

- ◆ 25 mm metal shamrock flower
- ◆ 5-6 mm flat crystal, center drilled
- ◆ 3-4 mm spacer
- ◆ 12-16 in. (30-41 cm) chain, 8 mm links

- ◆ 6-8 in. (15-20 cm) chain, 2-3 mm links
- ◆ 12-16 in. (30-41 cm) 2.5-3 mm cup chain
- ◆ 4 cup connectors
- ◆ 1½-in. (3.8 cm) decorative head pin
- ◆ 7 4 mm jump rings
- ◆ three-strand slide clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers, or 2 pairs of chainnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

### earrings

- ◆ 2 21 mm crystal briolettes
- ◆ 2 16 mm metal lily pad blooms
- ◆ 2 7 mm jump rings
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers, or 2 pairs of chainnose pliers

All flowers (except 55 mm brass flower) from The Beadin' Path, 877.922.3237, beadinpath.com; 55 mm brass coreopsis flower from Ornamentea, 919.834.6260, ornamentea.com. Cup chain and cup connectors from Michaels, michaels.com for store locations. Also available from Alacarte Clasps and WireLace, 800.977.2825, alacarteclasps.com. Check your local bead store for supplies. To find the nearest store, visit beadshopfinder.com.

# Unearthed elements

Combine rugged art beads  
and metallic nuggets for  
an ancient aesthetic

by **Gretchen McHale**



I found inspiration for this bracelet in Heather Wynn's polymer clay beads. They look like they could have been relics from an Egyptian tomb, so I wanted to create a piece with the feel of ancient jewelry. That's where the metal-coated resin nuggets came in. I love working with these nuggets because they look like huge statement pieces, but the beads are really light so they don't weigh the design down.



**1** bracelet • Cut a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of wire. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82) on one end. String one or two spacers, an art bead, and one or two spacers. Make a wrapped loop. Make two or three art-bead units and two or three resin-nugget units.



**2** On a head pin, string a pearl. Make a wrapped loop. Make 12 to 14 pearl units and 24 to 28 crystal units.



**3** Open an 8-10 mm jump ring (Basics) and attach: art-bead unit, crystal unit, pearl unit, crystal unit, resin-nugget unit, crystal unit, pearl unit, crystal unit. Close the jump ring. Continue attaching bead units with 8-10 mm jump rings.



**4** On each end, use an 8-10 mm jump ring to attach four crystal units and two pearl units. Use a 5-6 mm jump ring to attach half of a toggle clasp.

**“The way the bead colors come together with the crystals and pearls turns a simple bracelet into a complex work of art with lots of depth.”**

## Supplies

### bracelet

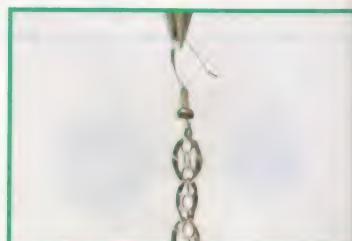
- ◆ **2-3** 20-25 mm metallic resin nuggets
- ◆ **2-3** 13-18 mm art beads
- ◆ **12-14** 8-10 mm teardrop-shaped pearls
- ◆ **24-28** 4 mm bicone crystals in four colors
- ◆ **10-24** 4-6 mm flat spacers
- ◆ 15-18 in. (38-46 cm) 20-gauge wire
- ◆ **36-42** 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- ◆ **6-7** 8-10 mm jump rings
- ◆ **2** 5-6 mm jump rings
- ◆ toggle clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

### earrings

- ◆ **2** 13-18 mm art beads
- ◆ **8** 4 mm bicone crystals in four colors
- ◆ **4-8** 4-6 mm flat spacers
- ◆ **8** 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- ◆ 3½ in. (8.9 cm) chain, 9-10 mm (medium) links
- ◆ 3 in. (7.6 cm) chain, 3-4 mm (small) links
- ◆ **2** 2-in. (5 cm) head pins
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Metallic resin beads from The Bead Goes On, 866.861.2323, thebeadgoeson.com. Polymer clay beads by Heather Wynn, heatherwynn.com. Copper-glazed raku beads by Keith O'Connor, eebeads.com, 888.746.7382. Check your local bead store for supplies. To find the nearest store, visit beadshopfinder.com.





**3** On a 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pin, string a bicone crystal. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Make four crystal units.

**1** **earrings** • On a 2-in. (5 cm) head pin, string one or two spacers, an art bead, and one or two spacers. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82).

**2** Cut a 1½-in. (3.8 cm) piece of medium-link chain. Attach the art-bead unit to one end and complete the wraps.

**4** Cut a 1¼-in. (3.2 cm) piece of small-link chain. Attach a crystal unit to one end and complete the wraps. Attach the remaining crystal units to the chain, skipping one link between each.

**5** Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics) and attach the dangles. Close the loop. Make a second earring. \*

If you like chunky metallic beads, try angular silver nuggets in "Quick silver"

(BeadStyleMag.com, July 2008).



### Tips

- The resin nuggets have large holes, as do many art beads. To stabilize the wire inside the nugget and art-bead units, I strung 8° seed beads in the holes.
- Metallic resin nuggets are available in bright copper, old copper, bright gold, Dutch gold, bright silver, and pewter finishes. They also come in 10 x 14 mm (mini) size.

### Gretchen McHale

Gretchen is an event planner from Philadelphia and has been beading since she was 8. Many of her designs are fashion driven: "I lay out an article of clothing, then pull out all my bead boxes containing beads with similar colors. I've organized my beads by the color wheel, so that helps the process go faster." Contact Gretchen at [gretchen@studio320jewelry.com](mailto:gretchen@studio320jewelry.com) or visit [studio320jewelry.com](http://studio320jewelry.com).



### Design alternative

To create an organic look in a necklace, use leather to suspend a centerpiece of resin nuggets or art beads.





# Grow your earring collection

String Lucite flowers and leaves for no-fail earrings

by Lori Anderson

This earring design is so easy, you won't be able to stop after making just one pair. Combine flowers and leaves in different shapes and sizes, or try a variety of bead caps and crystals at the center of each flower. You'll be delighted with every bud that blooms.

## Supplies

- ♦ 2 19 mm Lucite leaf beads
- ♦ 2 14 mm Lucite flower beads
- ♦ 4 4 mm bicone crystals
- ♦ 6 3 mm flat spacers
- ♦ 2 2-in. (5 cm) head pins
- ♦ pair of earring wires
- ♦ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ♦ diagonal wire cutters

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### Lori Anderson

Lori's favorite place to work is in front of the sliding glass patio doors at her huge table in her Easton, Md., home. While she works she listens to true crime shows, BBC America, or The Office. Contact Lori at lori@lorianderson.net or visit lorianderson.net.



1 On a head pin, string a bicone crystal, a flower bead, and a leaf bead. Make a right-angle bend in back of the leaf.



2 String three spacers and a bicone. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82).



3 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring. \*

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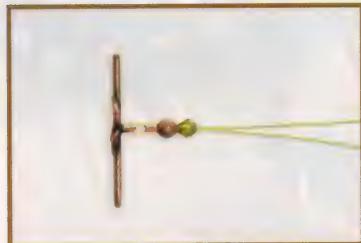
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# Weave a bloom-and-lattice bracelet

Try this sweetly sophisticated spin on a daisy chain

by Heidi Bowen

The first flowers of spring inspired this bracelet made with copper tubes, Czech glass leaves, and teardrop beads, but I think flowers work any time of year. The materials can also be flexible; I used vintage crystals at the center of each flower, but contemporary ones can be just as beautiful.



1 Cut a 48-in. (1.2 m) piece of beading wire. Center half of a clasp on the wire. Over both ends, string a crimp bead, a spacer, and a bicone crystal. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics, p. 82).



2 On each end, string a tube, a bicone, and a tube.



3 On one end, string a leaf bead. String the other end through the leaf in the opposite direction.



4 On one end, string two leaves. On the other end, string three leaves. String the first end through the last leaf in the opposite direction. Tighten the wire.



5 On one end, string two teardrop beads. String the other end through the teardrops in the opposite direction.



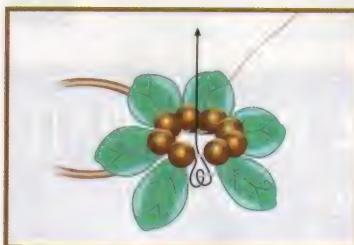
6 On one end, string two teardrops. On the other end, string four teardrops. String the first end through the last two teardrops in the opposite direction. Tighten the wire.



## Supplies

- ◆ 16 15 mm curved tube beads
- ◆ 18 12 mm leaf beads, top drilled
- ◆ 24 6 mm teardrop beads
- ◆ 3 6 mm round or aspirin-shaped crystals
- ◆ 10 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 2 4 mm large-hole round spacers
- ◆ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ◆ 2 crimp beads
- ◆ magnetic or toggle clasp
- ◆ chainnose or crimping pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

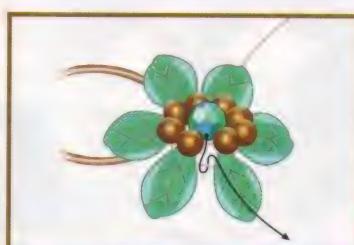
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7 With each end, wrap around the wire between two leaves, exiting through the center of the flower.



8 On one end, string a round crystal. String the other end through the crystal in the opposite direction.



9 With each end, wrap around the wire between two leaves, exiting between the teardrop and leaf layers.



10 Repeat steps 2 through 9 twice. On each end, string a tube, a bicone, and a tube. Over both ends, string a bicone.



11 Over both ends, string a spacer, a crimp bead, and half of the clasp. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead and trim the excess wire. \*

### Heidi Bowen

Heidi's venture into the world of beads began at the age of 12 when a gal at a local craft shop showed her how to make dream catcher earrings. At 17, Heidi opened a bead store in Butte, Mont. In 2004, after studying business at Montana Tech and fashion merchandising at the Art Institute of Seattle, Heidi opened her second shop in Bozeman. She recently opened stores in Missoula and in Bothell, Wash. Contact Heidi via [beadinseattle.com](http://beadinseattle.com).





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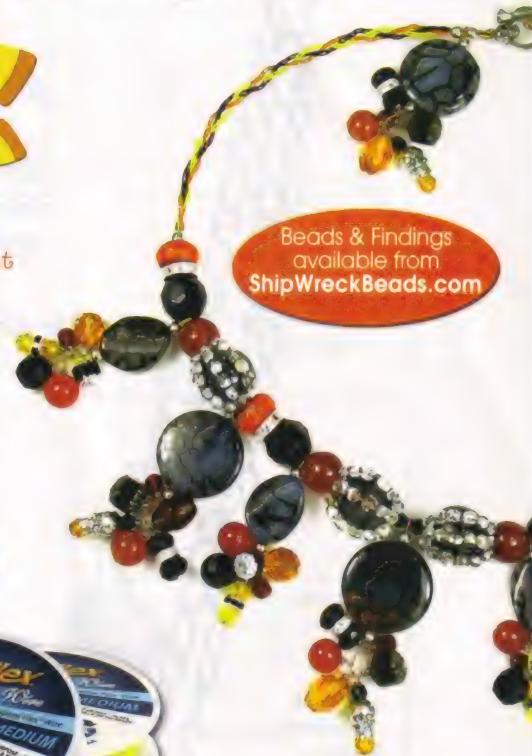
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String a vintage  
look that captures  
today's fashion

by Angela Bannatyne

Chances  
are you  
already  
have  
plenty of  
coordinated  
beads in  
your stash.

**Tip**

Arrange the bead  
units on a bead board  
to balance the colors  
and sizes before  
attaching them  
to the chain.

# Time-traveling

I love this piece because it's relevant and current but at the same time has a wonderful vintage feel. The multicolored beads make it very versatile. It's also a great way to use up your bead stash.



**1** necklace • On a head pin, string a 12 mm pearl, a bead cap, and a round spacer. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82). Make five 12 mm (small) pearl units.

On a head pin, string a fire-polished crystal or saucer bead. Make a plain loop (Basics). Make 34 fire-polished units and four saucer units.

On a head pin, string an 8° seed bead and a 7 mm metal bead. Make five metal-bead units.

On a head pin, string a flat spacer and a 14 mm pearl. Make a plain loop. Make three 14 mm (large) pearl units.

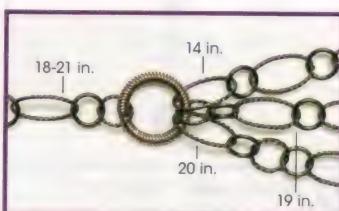


**2** Cut a 14-in. (36 cm) piece of chain. Open the loop of a large-pearl unit (Basics) and attach the center link. Close the loop. On each side, within 4 in. (10 cm) of the center unit, attach three large- and three small-pearl units.

**“I am inspired by fashion, so my style changes based on current trends.”**



**3** Attach a metal-bead unit and seven to 10 fire-polished or saucer units between the pearl units.



**4** Cut three pieces of chain: 18-21 in. (46-53 cm), 19 in. (48 cm), and 20 in. (51 cm). Open a 16 mm decorative jump ring (Basics) and attach an end link of the 18-21-in., 20-in., 19-in., and 14-in. chains, in that order. Close the jump ring. Repeat on the other ends of the chains.

## Supplies



### necklace 39 in. (99 cm)

- ◆ 22 mm oval faceted glass bead
- ◆ 3 14 mm (large) pearls
- ◆ 5 12 mm (small) pearls
- ◆ 4 12 mm crystal saucers
- ◆ 34 8 mm fire-polished crystals
- ◆ 5 7 mm textured round metal beads
- ◆ 5 8° seed beads
- ◆ 5 4 mm round spacers
- ◆ 3 4 mm flat spacers
- ◆ 5 8 mm bead caps
- ◆ 10 in. (25 cm) 1/4-in. (6 mm) ribbon
- ◆ 73-76 in. (1.8-1.9 m) chain, 6-10 mm links
- ◆ 52 2-in. (5 cm) head pins
- ◆ 2 16 mm decorative jump rings
- ◆ 10 mm jump ring
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ scissors

### earrings

- ◆ 2 8 mm fire-polished crystals
- ◆ 4 4 mm round spacers
- ◆ 2 chain links left over from necklace
- ◆ 2 2-in. (5 cm) head pins
- ◆ 2 2-in. (5 cm) eye pins
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Antique-brass chain and fire-polished crystals for brass necklace from Rings & Things, 800.366.2156, rings-things.com; other supplies from Gemstone & Bead Imports, 407.249.2409. Supplies for necklace in the step-by-step photos from Midwest Beads, 262.781.7670. Check your local bead store for supplies. To find the nearest store, visit beadshopfinder.com.

# trendsetter

## Design alternative

Changing the components can create an endless number of styles. The chain, hammered rings, and Crystallized Swarovski Elements graphic bead are from Rings & Things, 800.366.2156, [rings-things.com](http://rings-things.com). All other supplies are from Gemstone & Bead Imports, 407.249.2409.



5 On a head pin, string a 22 mm bead. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Cut a 2-in. (5 cm) piece of chain. Attach the bead unit and complete the wraps.



6 Attach two fire-polished units to the dangle. Use a 10 mm jump ring to attach a small-pearl unit, the dangle, a metal-bead unit, and the 16 mm jump ring.



7 Cut a 10-in. (25 cm) piece of ribbon. Tie a bow around a 16 mm jump ring.



1 earrings • On an eye pin, string two round spacers. Make a plain loop (Basics, p. 82).



2 Following necklace step 1, make a fire-polished unit. Open the loops of the eye-pin unit (Basics). Attach the bead unit to one loop and a chain link to the other. Close the loops.



3 Open the loop of an earring wire. Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring. \*

### Angela Bannatyne

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If you like lots of dangles on chain, try Monica Lueder's "Dynamic duo" ([BeadStyleMag.com](http://BeadStyleMag.com), Nov. 2008).



# Complementary colors

Two colors on opposite sides of the color wheel are called complementary colors. The complement of a primary color (red, blue, or yellow) is the secondary color made by combining the other two primaries. For instance, the complement of red is green (blue plus yellow), the complement of blue is orange (yellow plus red), and the complement of yellow is violet (blue plus red). Coming at it from the other direction, the complement of a secondary color is the primary color that was not used to create it.

When combined in jewelry, two complementary colors make each other appear more vivid. It's usually best to make one color dominant. If the proportions of the complementary colors are even, it can create a chaotic effect as two equals compete for visual dominance. For instance, a few orange beads will make a blue palette pop. On the other hand, an equal number of orange and blue beads will diminish each other by not allowing the eye to settle on one color or the other.

Even in desirable proportions, true complements can come across as either too overpowering or too simplistic. Often using a color near the complement creates a more pleasing look. For example, instead of the true complement of yellow (violet), try a red-violet or magenta. Or pair violet with a yellow-green instead of yellow. Pairing two near complements also can be pleasing. The August birthstone project (p. 20) pairs yellow-green peridot with violet-blue glass beads.

## Palettes to try:

### Complementary gemstones:

Sapphire or lapis + fire agate or fire opal  
Citrine or lemon quartz + amethyst or charoite  
Ruby or ruby jade + emerald or malachite

### Near complementary crystals:

Turquoise + padparadscha  
Light peach + violet opal  
Rose + erinite



**Color savvy definition** Saturation, also called intensity, refers to the purity of a color undiluted by other colors, white, or black. Primary colors are saturated colors. A highly saturated palette is bright and bold. Colors become more muted (less saturated) when they are mixed with their complement, white, or black.

# Fall for FLOWERS

Make the flower trend work any time of year  by Naomi Fujimoto

I usually associate fall with shorter days and cooler weather, not the blooming of flowers. But when I piled these cherry- and watermelon-colored Lucite beads on top of aquamarine nuggets, the combination looked fresh — a fun new palette to experiment with. So I wired the beads together and topped it all off with a vintage earring at the flower's center. Because the gemstones are an understated, versatile shade, I can wear the necklace even as the seasons and colors change.

## Tip

I used oval jump rings in my earrings. Whether you use oval or round, make sure that the jump rings are 22-gauge or finer so they fit through the holes of the Lucite beads.

**bracelet** • Cut a 7-9-in. (18-23 cm) piece of chain. Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 82). Attach an end link and a lobster claw clasp. Close the jump ring.



4

On a head pin, string a bicone crystal, a gemstone nugget, and a bicone. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics). Attach the end link of chain and complete the wraps.



2

Use a jump ring to attach a diamanté drop and an end link of chain. Use a jump ring to attach a diamanté drop in a second color to the next link.

3

Use jump rings to attach flat polygon and diamanté drops to links as desired. Leave the last link or two open.

**necklace** • Cut a piece of beading wire (Basics, p. 82). String an alternating pattern of bicone crystals and gemstone nuggets until the strand is within 3 in. (7.6 cm) of the finished length.

1



Attach two-to-one connectors and a clasp (Technique, p. 53).

3

2 Cut a piece of beading wire 3 in. (7.6 cm) longer than the first. String an alternating pattern of bicones and nuggets until the strand is within 3 in. (7.6 cm) of the finished length.

2

“I loved having the chance to mix colors I’m not used to working with. Check out our color workshop (p. 49) for tips on pairing different hues.”

4 Make a flower (Lucite flower, p. 52). Pin the flower to the outer strand.

### Lucite flower



1 Cut a 24-in. (61 cm) piece of 26-gauge wire. String a flat polygon drop and two diamanté drops in different colors. Repeat seven times.



2 Twist the wire ends together so the beads make a tight circle. Trim the short end.



3 Wrap the wire between and around individual beads to reinforce the circle. Trim the excess wire and use chainnose pliers to tuck the end.



4 Cut a 20-in. (51 cm) piece of 26-gauge wire. String a mesh dome and the flower. Go back through the dome and twist the wire ends together. Trim the short end.



5 Secure the flower to the dome by stitching the wire back and forth through both. Attach the flower near the edges of the dome; you'll need to attach the earring to the center in step 6. Trim the excess wire and use chainnose pliers to tuck the end.



6 Cut a 12-in. (30 cm) piece of 26-gauge wire. Flip open a clip-on earring. Attach the earring by stitching the wire back and forth through the earring's clip and the center holes of the dome. Trim the excess wire and use chainnose pliers to tuck the end.



7 Using chainnose pliers, attach the pin-back finding to the dome by bending the prongs inward.

### Tips

- To find Lucite beads at The Beadin' Path, go to beadinpath.com. Type in "diamante" (for the red and watermelon beads) and "polygon drop" (for the flat pink beads).
- For the center of the flower, you can use a post earring instead of a clip-on. If you use a post, make sure to use one with filigree or other loops for attaching it to the dome.

**earrings** • Cut a nine-link piece of chain. Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 82). Attach a diamanté drop and an end link. Close the jump ring. Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics) and attach the top link. Close the loop.



1



2

Two links from the bottom, use a jump ring to attach a polygon drop. Use jump rings to attach the remaining drops to every other link. Make a second earring the mirror image of the first. \*

## Technique: Finishing with two-to-one connectors



1 On each end of each strand, string a crimp bead, a Wire Guardian, and the corresponding loop of a two-to-one connector. Go back through the crimp bead and the adjacent bead and tighten the wire. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Don't overtighten the wires; you'll need a tiny gap where you can pin the flower. Crimp the crimp beads (Basics, p. 82).



2 Open a jump ring (Basics). On one end, attach the remaining loop of the connector and a hook clasp. Close the jump ring. Repeat on the other end, substituting a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of chain for the clasp.



3 On a head pin, string a bicone crystal, a gemstone nugget, and a bicone. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics). Attach the end link of chain and complete the wraps.



4 If desired, close a crimp cover over each crimp.

### Naomi Fujimoto

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## Supplies

### necklace 19-20½ in. (48-52.1 cm)

- 2 16-in. (41 cm) strands 17-27 mm faceted gemstone nuggets
- 16 33 mm Lucite diamanté drops, in two colors
- 8 32 mm Lucite flat polygon drops
- 34-44 3 mm bicone crystals, in three colors
- flexible beading wire, .018 or .019
- 56 in. (1.4 m) 26-gauge wire
- 19-23 mm clip-on earring
- 7/8-in. (22 mm) mesh dome with pin-back finding
- 2 two-to-one connectors
- 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pin
- 2 6-7 mm jump rings
- 4 crimp beads
- 4 crimp covers (optional)
- 4 Wire Guardians
- hook clasp

- 3 in. (7.6 cm) chain for extender, 12 mm links
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)

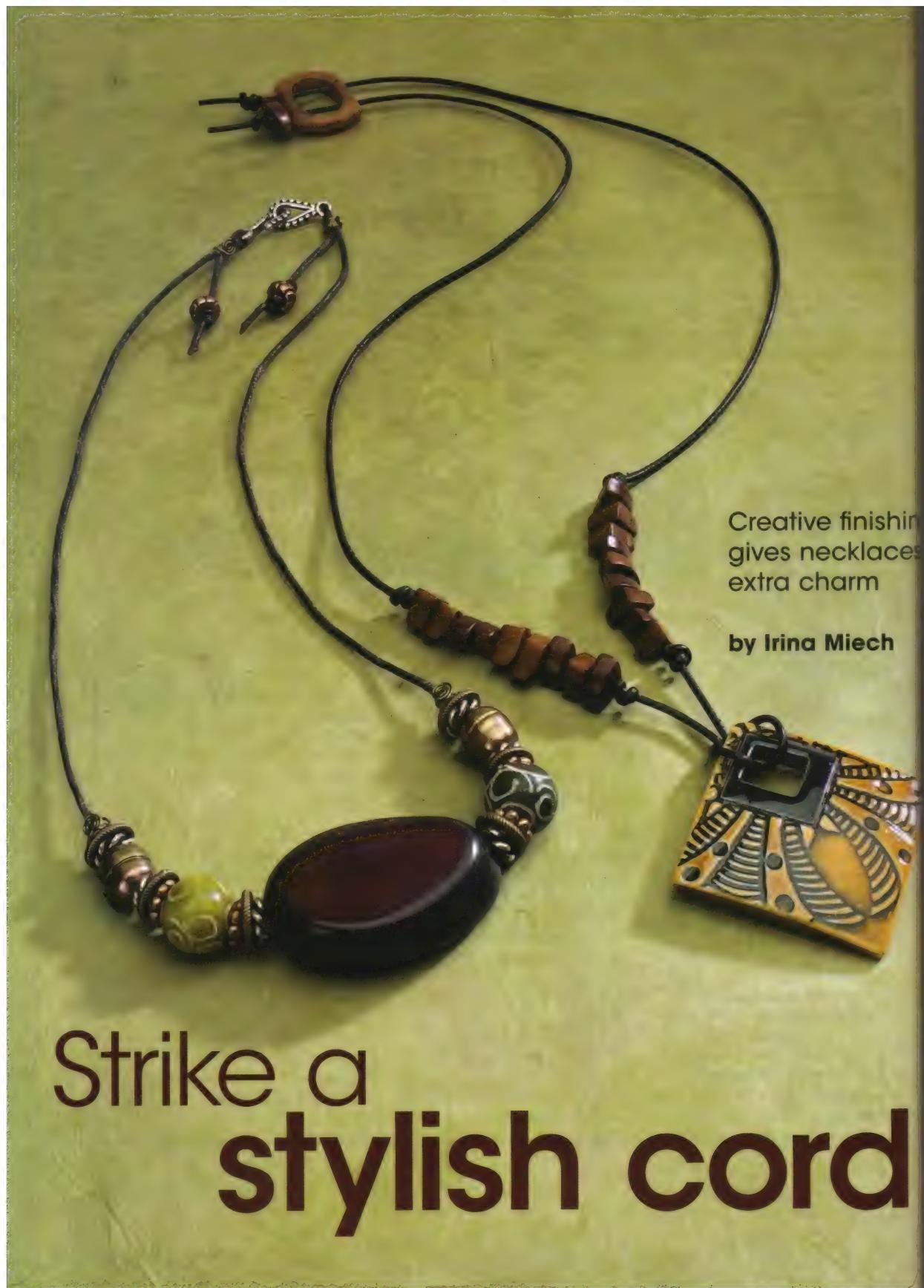
### bracelet

- 9-13 33 mm Lucite diamanté drops, in two colors
- 8-12 32 mm Lucite flat polygon drops
- 17-20 mm faceted gemstone nugget, left over from necklace
- 2 3 mm bicone crystals
- 7-9 in. (18-23 cm) chain, 12 mm links
- 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pin
- 17-25 6-7 mm jump rings
- lobster claw clasp
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

### earrings

- 6 33 mm Lucite diamanté drops, 4 in one color, 2 in another
- 4 32 mm Lucite flat polygon drops
- 3 in. (7.6 cm) chain, 4 mm links
- 10 6-7 mm jump rings
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers, or 2 pairs of chainnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

Lucite drops and 12 mm chain from The Beadin' Path, 877.922.3237, beadinpath.com. Mesh dome with pin-back finding from Designer's Findings, designersfindings.net. Check your local bead store for supplies. To find the nearest store, visit beadshopfinder.com.



Creative finishing  
gives necklaces  
extra charm

by Irina Miech

Strike a  
**stylish cord**

These necklaces are casually elegant and as easy to make as they are to wear. Start with some large-hole beads and components in warm, earthy colors, add some cord, and wrap things up with simple knotting or a flourish of wirework.



**1** **ceramic necklace** • Cut a 30-32-in. (76-81 cm) piece of cord. Fold the cord in half and string a pendant over the loop.



**2** Bring the ends of the cord through the loop and tighten the cord.



**3** On each side, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. (1.9 cm) from the loop, tie one or two overhand knots (Basics, p. 82). String nine chips and tie one or two overhand knots.



**4** String each end through a double-drilled circle bead and string a chip. Check the fit and tie one or two overhand knots on each end. Trim the excess cord.



**1** **tagua nut necklace** • Cut a 20-22-in. (51-56 cm) piece of cord. Center a tagua nut bead. On each side, string: 7 mm spacer, 9 mm jump ring, 7 mm bead cap, carved bead, bead cap, jump ring, 7 mm spacer, pearl, 7 mm spacer, jump ring, 6 mm spacer.



**2** With a crayon or wax pencil, mark the cord on each side next to the beaded section. Cut a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of wire. Center the wire over one of the marks, and wrap the ends around the cord three times.

## Supplies

### ceramic-pendant necklace

24 in. (61 cm)

- ◆ 34 mm ceramic pendant
- ◆ 15 mm circle bead, double drilled
- ◆ 20 8 mm tagua chips
- ◆ leather cord
- ◆ scissors

### tagua nut necklace 20 in. (51 cm)

- ◆ 34 mm tagua nut bead
- ◆ 2 8-10 mm carved round beads
- ◆ 2 10 mm large-hole potato pearls
- ◆ 6 9 mm decorative jump rings
- ◆ 4 7 mm bead caps
- ◆ 6 7 mm spacers
- ◆ 4 6 mm spacers
- ◆ waxed linen cord
- ◆ 12 in. (30 cm) 24-gauge wire
- ◆ hook-and-eye clasp
- ◆ chainnose or flatnose pliers
- ◆ roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ crayon or wax pencil
- ◆ scissors

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**“The visual weight of the cord balances the bold components beautifully. ”**



**3** Bend each end of the wire near the wraps to create a partial loop.



**4** Use roundnose and chainnose (or flatnose) pliers to make a small coil. Trim the excess wire. Repeat with the other end of the wire.

If you like finishing with knots, try Brenda Schweder's "Tie up loose ends" bracelet (BeadStyleMag.com, July 2009).



**5** Flatten each coil against the wraps. Make another coiled wrap on the other side of the beads.



**6** On each side, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 in. (3.8–5 cm) from the end of the cord, string half of a clasp. Fold the cord and check the fit, adjusting the fold as needed. Secure with a coiled wrap as in steps 2 through 5. About  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. (1.9 cm) from the coiled wrap, tie an overhand knot (Basics, p. 82). String a 6 mm spacer and tie an overhand knot. Trim the excess cord. \*

#### Irina Miech

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#### Tip

Be sure to tie your knots as close to the beads as possible for a professional look.

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“I still refer back to past *BeadStyle* publications to get ideas for bead combinations and colors.”

# Accessorize with **APPLIQUÉ**

Getting the look of handmade is easy if you got the notions

by Linda  
Gunderman

Even if you're all thumbs with a needle and thread, you can still make fashionable jewelry with a hand-sewn look. Instead of using a focal bead or fabric flowers at the center of my piece, I attached a pre-made appliquéd that I picked up from the fabric section of my craft store. Just string a simple pattern of pearls, crystals, and spacers and you're done. So easy and current.



**1 necklace** • Use a micro-hole punch to punch a hole in an upper corner of an appliqué. Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 82) and attach the punched hole. Close the jump ring. Repeat on the other corner.



**2** Cut two 7-11-in. (18-28 cm) pieces of beading wire. On each, string a round spacer, a crimp bead, a round spacer, and a jump ring. Go back through the beads just strung, tighten the wire, and crimp the crimp bead (Basics).



**3** On each end, string a flat spacer, a bicone crystal, a flat spacer, and an 8 mm round pearl. Repeat five times.



**4** On each end, string a flat spacer, a bicone, and a flat spacer. String 6 mm round pearls until the strand is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length.



**5** On each end, string a round spacer, a crimp bead, a round spacer, and half of a toggle clasp. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Crimp the crimp bead and trim the excess wire.



**1 earrings** • On a head pin, string: round spacer, bicone crystal, flat spacer, round pearl, flat spacer, bicone, round spacer. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82).



**2** Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring. \*



#### Design alternative

I used bead units to attach copper chain to this flower appliqué.

#### Linda Gunderman

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## Supplies

### necklace 18½ in. (47 cm)

- ♦ **12** 8 mm round pearls
- ♦ **8-14** 6 mm round pearls
- ♦ **14** 6 mm bicone crystals
- ♦ **28** 6 mm flat spacers
- ♦ **8** 3 mm round spacers
- ♦ 7½-in. (19.1 cm) iron-on appliqué
- ♦ flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- ♦ **2** 6 mm jump rings
- ♦ **4** crimp beads
- ♦ toggle clasp
- ♦ **2** pairs of pliers (may include chainnose, roundnose, and/or bentnose)
- ♦ diagonal wire cutters
- ♦ micro-hole punch
- ♦ crimping pliers (optional)

### earrings

- ♦ **2** 8 mm round pearls
- ♦ **4** 6 mm bicone crystals
- ♦ **4** 6 mm flat spacers
- ♦ **4** 3 mm round spacers
- ♦ **2** 2½-in. (6.4 cm) head pins
- ♦ pair of earring wires
- ♦ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ♦ diagonal wire cutters

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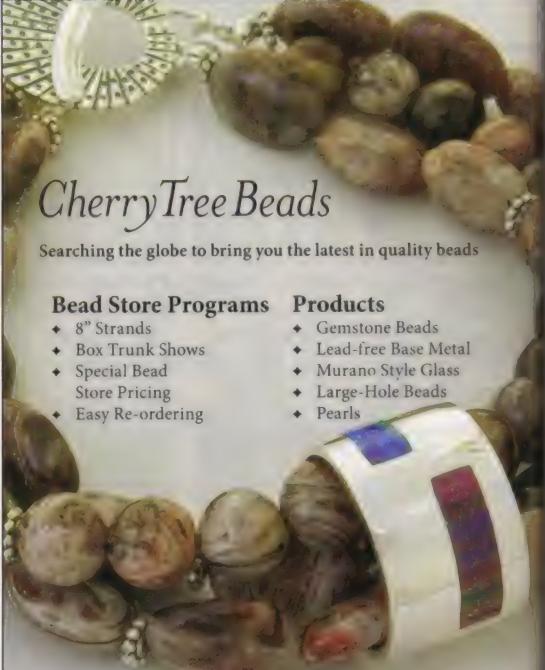
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# Random acts of style

Say goodbye to methodical and hello to messy

by Jenny Van

Sometimes order is overrated. For this design, randomly attach a variety of beads to three pieces of chain, then connect the chains at irregular intervals. Go ahead, throw caution to the wind — at least for the time it takes to make this bracelet.



**1** bracelet • On a headpin, string a bead. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82). On a headpin, string a spacer and a bead. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Make 12 to 16 bead units and six to eight spacer-and-bead units.



**2** On a headpin, string a top-drilled crystal. Make a right-angle bend in back of the crystal. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Make two top-drilled units.



**3** Open a jump ring (Basics) and attach one loop of a clasp. Close the jump ring. Attach a jump ring to each loop on both halves of the clasp.



**4** Cut three 6-8-in. (15-20 cm) pieces of chain. Use a jump ring to attach a chain and a jump ring on one half of the clasp. Repeat with the remaining chains.



**5** Attach a top-drilled unit to a link of chain and complete the wraps. Attach eight to 10 bead units to the chain, completing the wraps as you go.



**6** Attach the remaining bead units to the other chains.



**7** Attach a jump ring to a link of the first chain. Use another jump ring to attach the first jump ring to a link of the second chain. Use six pairs of jump rings to attach the first and second chains and six pairs of jump rings to attach the second and third chains.



**8** Use jump rings to attach the end link of each chain and the jump rings on the other half of the clasp.



**1** **earrings** • On a head pin, string a bead. Make a plain loop (Basics, p. 82). Make eight bead units.



**2** Open a jump ring (Basics). Attach six bead units and the loop of an earring wire. Close the jump ring.



**3** Open the loop of a bead unit (Basics) and attach the loop of the earring wire. Close the loop. Attach a second bead unit to the earring wire's loop. Make a second earring. \*



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“I like my bracelets because they’re stylish and affordable to make.”

## Supplies

### bracelet

- **18-24** 6-15 mm beads and pearls in a variety of shapes
- **2** 13 mm top-drilled crystals
- **6-8** 2 mm round spacers
- 18-24 in. (46-61 cm) chain, 3-4 mm links
- **20-26** 2-in. (5 cm) head pins
- **36** 4 mm jump rings
- three-strand box clasp
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

### earrings

- **16** 10 mm beads
- **16** 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- **2** 4 mm jump rings
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

Earring wires from Fusion Beads, 888.781.3559, [fusionbeads.com](http://fusionbeads.com). Check your local bead store for supplies. To find the nearest store, visit [beadshopfinder.com](http://beadshopfinder.com).

### Tip



To ensure the clasp is oriented correctly, in step 8 close the clasp before attaching the chains.

### Design alternative

In this version, I substituted heart charms for the top-drilled crystals.





# Dream sequins

Combine sequins with spacers and beads to change up the design.



Link vintage sparklers for a retro look ♦ by Suzanne Branca

I am always looking for lightweight earrings that feel good all day. This design is a dream come true: light as a feather with a big sparkly feel. I wear these earrings with jeans as well as when I want to shimmer in the evening. You can make them with all sorts of different colors and shapes of sequins. The choices are limitless.



1 Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 82). Attach an open-square sequin, an oval sequin, and a square. Close the jump ring. Make five three-sequin units.



2 Open the jump ring of a three-sequin unit. Attach a square and close the jump ring. Use a jump ring to attach a second square.

Cut a two-link piece of chain. Use a jump ring to attach the dangle to the chain.



3 Attach two three-sequin units to each jump ring added in step 2.



4 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring. \*

Kits for these earrings are available from A Grain of Sand, [agrainofsand.com](http://agrainofsand.com).



## Supplies

- 10 12 mm oval sequins
- 24 6 mm open-square sequins
- 3/4 in. (1.9 cm) rectangle box chain, 3 mm links
- 14 5 mm jump rings
- pair of lever-back earring wires
- 2 pairs of pliers (may include chainnose, roundnose, or bentnose)
- diagonal wire cutters

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## Suzanne Branca

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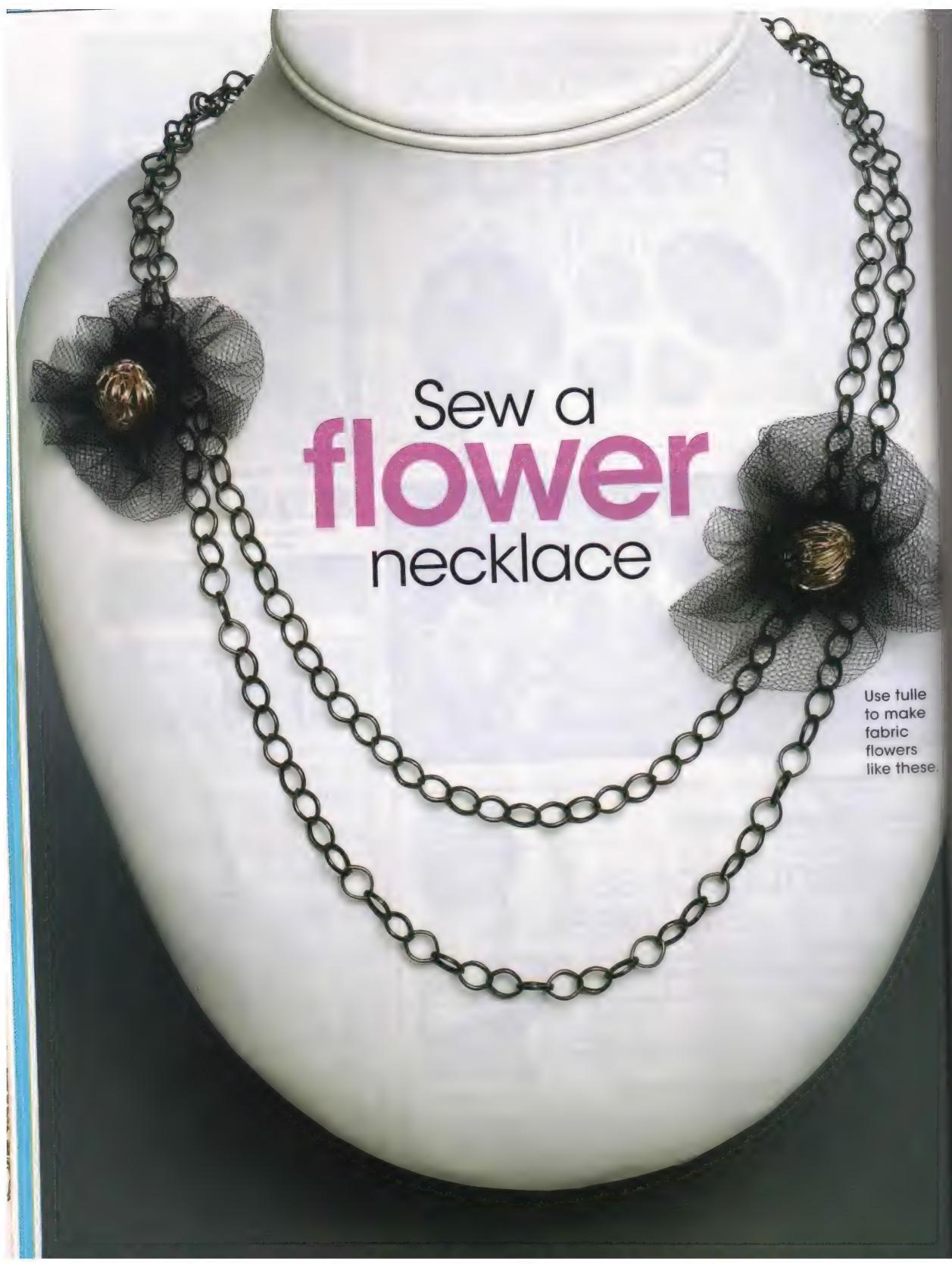
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## Sew a **flower** necklace

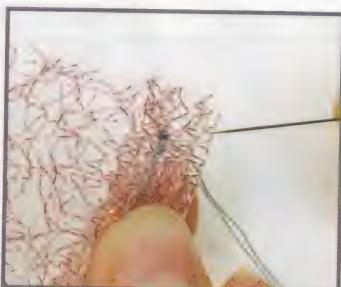
Use tulle  
to make  
fabric  
flowers  
like these.

## Wielding a needle and thread has never been easier or more fashionable ♦ by Aga Wyzlic

If you are a sewer, you probably already have the supplies for this necklace. If you're not, you will be after you see just how easy it is to make these elegant flowers. Choose your fabric first. The pink version has silver threads running through the fabric so I chose silver chain to match. For an edgier style, look for heavier gunmetal chain. Expand your options with an extra-long piece so you can wear the necklace doubled, asymmetrical, or knotted in the middle.



**1** To make a fabric flower: Use a rotary cutter, a grid ruler, and a mat to cut a 3 x 18-in. (7.6 x 46 cm) strip of fabric.



**2** Center a needle on a 36-in. (.9 m) piece of thread. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise. Fold over one end and secure the fold with a stitch.



**3** Turn the strip over and sew a running stitch along the two cut edges.



**4** When you reach the end of the strip, pull the thread so the fabric bunches up. Shape the fabric into a flower. Secure all the layers by stitching them together.



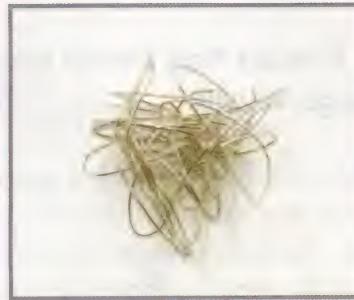
**5** Cut a 36-56-in. (.9-1.4 m) piece of chain. Open an end link (Basics, p. 82) and connect the other end. Close the link. Sew the flower to a link of chain by stitching through the flower and the link. Do not trim the thread; you will do so in step 9.



“Nature inspires me and I enjoy the challenge of re-creating its many shapes and forms.”



**6** To make a wire bead: Cut a 36-in. (.9 m) piece of 24- or 26-gauge wire. Wrap the wire loosely around a mandrel or the barrel of a pen to form a long coil.



**7** Remove the coil and form a ball by intertwining the coils and squeezing the ball between your fingers.



**8** Cut a 36-in. (.9 m) piece of wire. Wrap the wire around the ball, occasionally anchoring it under another wire. Leave a 2-in. (5 cm) tail on each end.



**9** With the thread from step 5, sew the wire ball through the center of the flower to the chain. Trim the thread. Poke the wire tails through the flower and wrap them around the link a few times. Trim the excess wire and tuck the ends.



**10** Make another fabric flower and wire bead and attach them to the chain 10-16 in. (25-41 cm) from the first flower. \*

### Design alternative

For a no-sew necklace, attach flower brooches to chain. Look for brooches in the beading section of your local craft store.



## Supplies

### necklace 36-56 in. (.9-1.4 m)

- 3 x 36 in. (7.6 x 90 cm) fabric
- 4 yd. (3.6 m) 24- or 26-gauge wire
- 36-56 in. (.9-1.4 m) chain, 4-8 mm links
- 2 pairs of pliers (may include chainnose, roundnose, and/or bentnose)
- diagonal wire cutters
- grid ruler
- mandrel or pen
- rotary cutter and cutting mat
- sewing needle and thread

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### Customize your flowers

- Don't limit yourself to tulle. Try other fabric, netting, or even a nylon stocking.
- Vary the sizes of your finished flowers by cutting narrow or wide strips of fabric.
- The size of your finished wire bead depends on the size of the mandrel you use. For a 16 mm bead, use the barrel of a thick marker as your mandrel.
- Try thicker wire, or use sterling silver wire and oxidize your beads.

### Aga Wyzlic

Aga moved to Arlington, Va., from Poland four years ago and has been designing jewelry ever since. She teaches jewelry classes in Washington, D.C., and Virginia. When we asked about her favorite artists, Aga said, "All my students are the best designers and artists to me." Contact her at [awyzlic@gmail.com](mailto:awyzlic@gmail.com) or visit [joyofbeading.com](http://joyofbeading.com).



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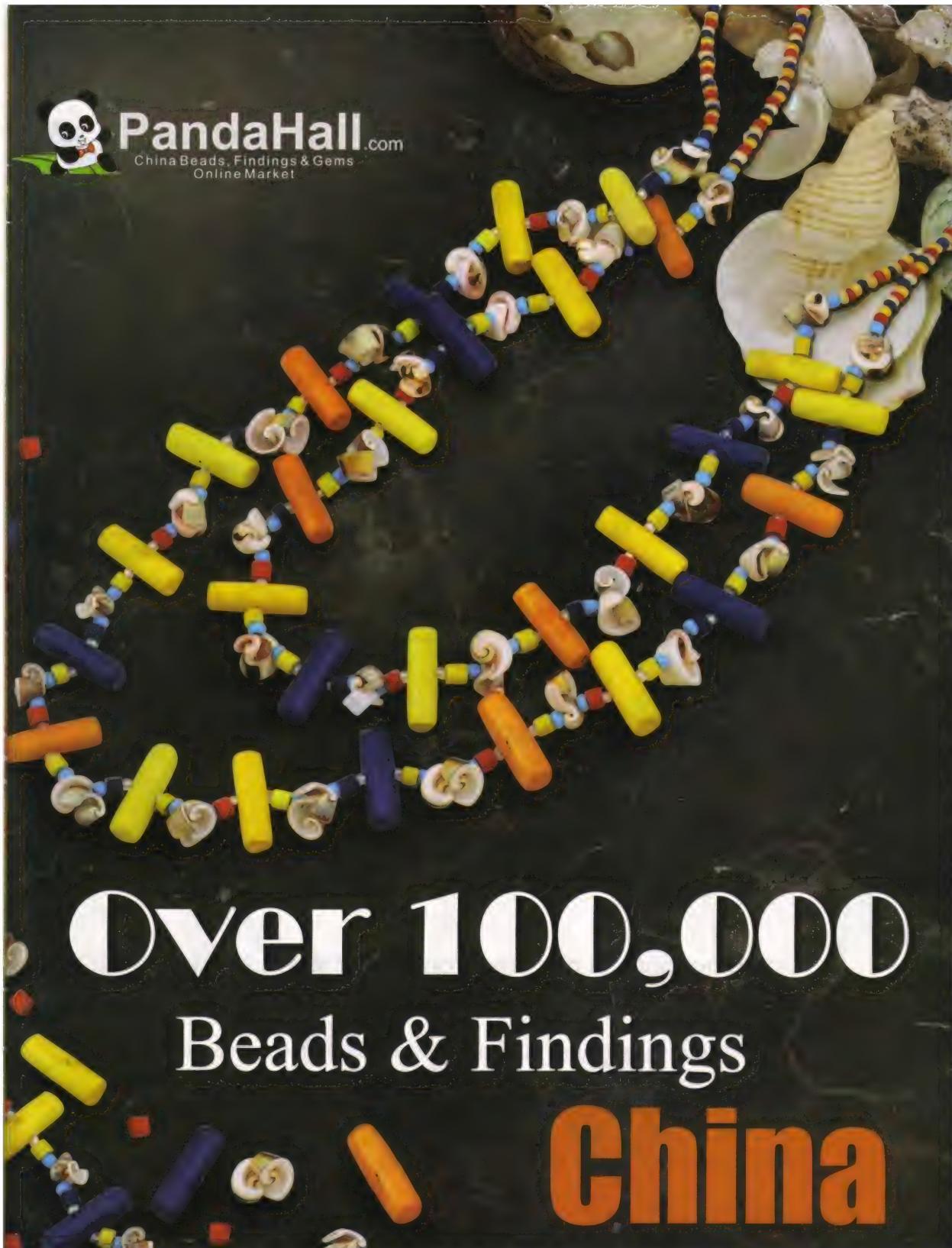
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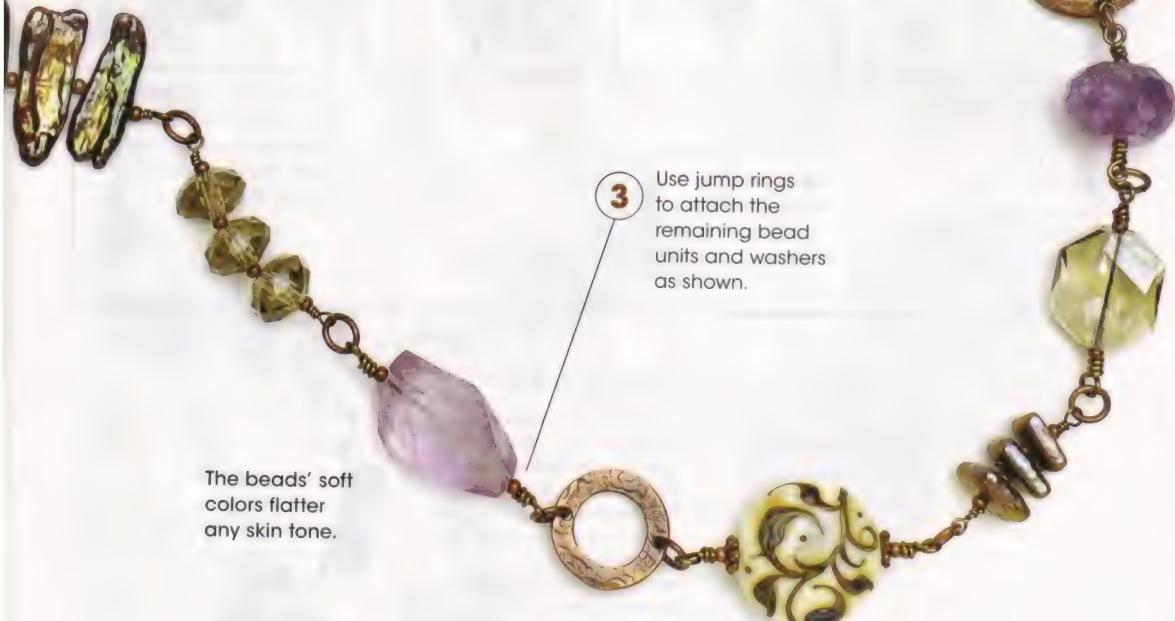


## Combine tones of copper, bronze, and lavender in a multitextured necklace and bracelet ◆ by Kerri Fuhr

When I mixed these elements, I chose the lavender accents to add a pop of color. They pick up the iridescence in the pearls and the details in my handmade lampworked beads. Experiment with different beads — flat, rounded, jagged, smooth — and link them to your heart's content. There really are no rules — just follow your instincts!

“The beading world is growing so quickly and new ideas and new materials appear every day, so be adventurous and try something new!”

# COPPERY components



The beads' soft colors flatter any skin tone.

3 Use jump rings to attach the remaining bead units and washers as shown.

### Necklace units



amethyst and 16 mm crystal units • Cut a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of 22-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82) on one end. String a round spacer, an amethyst rondelle, and a round spacer. Make a wrapped loop. Make three amethyst-rondelle units. Use 3½-in. (8.9 cm) pieces of wire to make three amethyst-nugget units and three 16 mm crystal units.



8 mm crystal units • Use 2½-in. (6.4 cm) pieces of 24-gauge wire to make two 8 mm crystal units.



triple-bead units • Cut a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of 24-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop on one end. String four round spacers alternated with three square pearls. Make a wrapped loop. Make two triple-square units. Use 4-in. (10 cm) pieces of 24-gauge wire to make two triple-stick-pearl units and a triple-crystal-rondelle unit.



lampworked-bead units • Cut a 3½-in. (8.9 cm) piece of 22-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop on one end. String: round spacer, flat spacer, lampworked bead, flat spacer, round spacer. Make a wrapped loop. Make three lampworked-bead units.

### Bracelet units



amethyst and 16 mm crystal units • Follow "Necklace units" to make an amethyst-rondelle unit, an amethyst-nugget unit, and a 16 mm crystal unit.



crystal-rondelle units • Use 2½-in. (6.4 cm) pieces of 22-gauge wire to make two crystal-rondelle units.



lampworked-bead unit • Follow "Necklace units" to make a lampworked-bead unit.



pearl units • On a head pin, string a round pearl. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 82). Make 15 pearl units.

### Tip

You can substitute 11° seed beads for the round copper spacers.

### Design alternative

In her "Ancient Treasures" necklace, Kerri combined a genuine ammonite fossil with smoky quartz. She included the bee bead because bees were some of the earliest insects to appear on the earth, pollinating plants 80 million years ago!



## Supplies

### necklace 35 in. (89 cm)

- ◆ 3 22-25 mm faceted amethyst nuggets
- ◆ 6 20-24 mm stick pearls
- ◆ 3 20-22 mm lampworked beads
- ◆ 3 16 mm flat crystals
- ◆ 3 15-16 mm faceted amethyst rondelles
- ◆ 6 10-11 mm square pearls, center drilled
- ◆ 3 8-12 mm crystal rondelles
- ◆ 2 8 mm flat or round crystals
- ◆ 6 5 mm flat spacers
- ◆ 48 2 mm round copper spacers
- ◆ 4 16-20 mm patterned copper washers with two drilled holes
- ◆ 40½ in. (1 m) 22-gauge wire
- ◆ 23 in. (58 cm) 24-gauge wire
- ◆ 8-11 in. (20-28 cm) copper chain, 7-8 mm links

### bracelet

- ◆ 22 5-6 mm jump rings
- ◆ lobster claw clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters
- ◆ 22-25 mm faceted amethyst nugget
- ◆ 20-22 mm lampworked bead
- ◆ 16 mm flat crystal
- ◆ 15-16 mm faceted amethyst rondelle
- ◆ 2 8-12 mm crystal rondelles
- ◆ 15 6-8 mm round pearls
- ◆ 2 5 mm flat spacers
- ◆ 12 2 mm round copper spacers
- ◆ 2 16-20 mm patterned copper washers with two drilled holes
- ◆ 18½ in. (47 cm) 22-gauge wire

- ◆ 2 in. (5 cm) copper chain, 7-8 mm links
- ◆ 15 1½-in. (3.8 cm) head pins
- ◆ 9 5-6 mm jump rings
- ◆ lobster claw clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Lampworked beads from Kerri Fuhr, [kerrifuhr.com](http://kerrifuhr.com). Copper washers from Susan Lambert, [susanlambert.etsy.com](http://susanlambert.etsy.com). Other supplies from Kellie's Bead Boutique, [kelliesbeadboutique.com](http://kelliesbeadboutique.com). Check your local bead store for supplies. To find the nearest store, visit [beadshopfinder.com](http://beadshopfinder.com).



### Kerri Fuhr



Kerri's favorite material to work with? "Glass beads, of course!" She is a full-time lampworked-bead artist and has been creating beads for 10 years. She admires many lampwork artists — especially her best friend, Stephanie Dielerman ([stephaniebeads.com](http://stephaniebeads.com)). Kerri says, "Her incredible beads and design abilities continue to amaze me." Contact Kerri at [kerribeads@kerrifuhr.com](mailto:kerribeads@kerrifuhr.com) or visit [kerrifuhr.com](http://kerrifuhr.com).

### Tip

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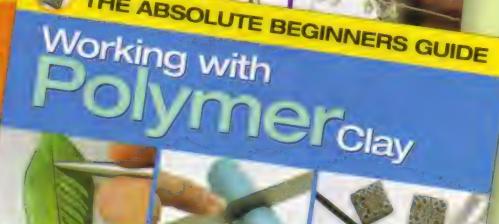
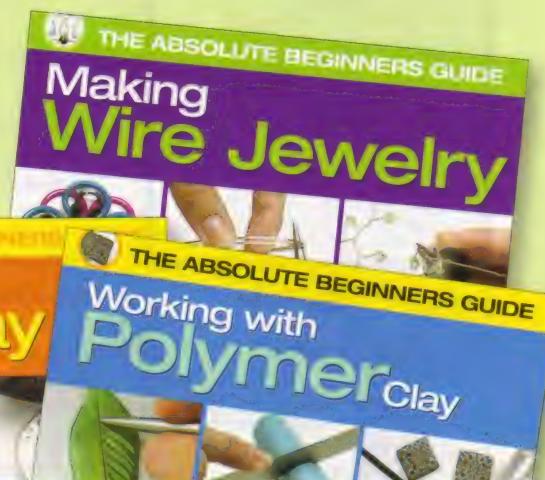
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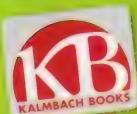
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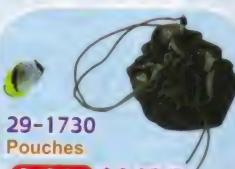
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### Cutting flexible beading wire

1 Decide how long you want your necklace to be. Add 6 in. (15 cm) and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. (For a bracelet, add 5 in./13 cm.)

### Flattened crimp

2 Hold the crimp bead with the tip of your chain-nose pliers. Squeeze the pliers firmly to flatten the crimp bead. Tug the clasp to make sure the crimp has a solid grip on the wire. If the wire slides, remove the crimp bead and repeat with a new crimp bead.

3 The flattened crimp.

### Folded crimp

4 Position the crimp bead in the notch closest to the crimping pliers' handle.

5 Separate the wires and firmly squeeze the crimp bead.

6 Move the crimp bead into the notch at the pliers' tip. Squeeze the pliers, folding the bead in half at the indentation.

7 The folded crimp.

### Folded crimp end

8 Glue one end of the cord and place it in a crimp end. Use chain-nose pliers to fold one side of the crimp end over the cord.

9 Repeat with the second side of the crimp end and squeeze gently.

### Opening a jump ring or loop

10 Hold the jump ring or loop with chain-nose and round-nose pliers or two pairs of chain-nose pliers.

11 To open the jump ring or loop, bring one pair of pliers toward you.

12 The open jump ring. Reverse the steps to close.

### Attaching a clasp

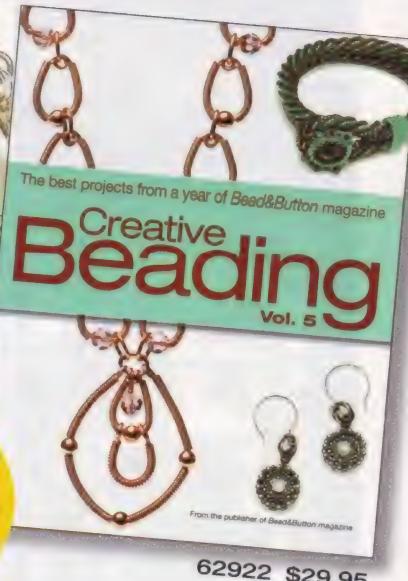
13 For a two-piece clasp, on each end, string: spacer, crimp bead, spacer, Wire Guardian (optional), half of a clasp. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Go back through the beads just strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead and trim the excess wire.

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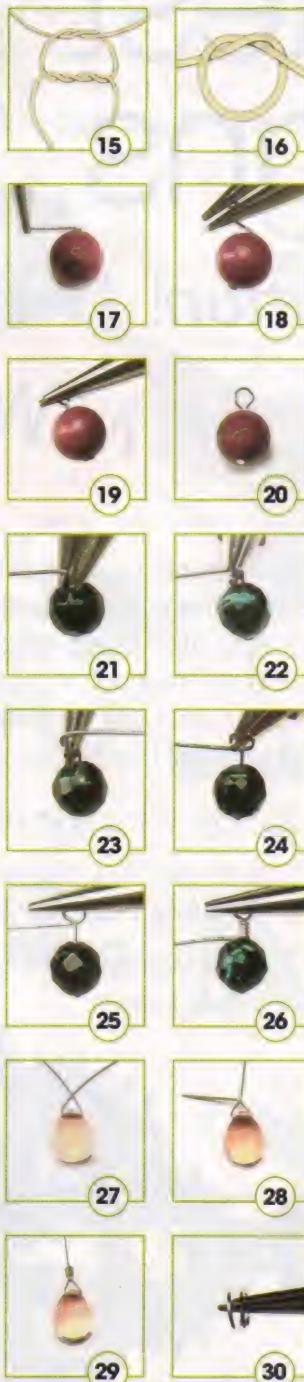
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### Surgeon's knot

**15** Cross the right end over the left and go through the loop. Go through again. Cross the left end over the right and go through. Pull the ends to tighten the knot.

### Overhand knot

**16** Make a loop and pass the working end through it. Pull the ends to tighten the knot.

### Plain loop

**17** Trim the wire  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. (1 cm) above the top bead. Make a right-angle bend close to the bead.

**18** Grab the wire's tip with roundnose pliers. Roll the wire to form a half circle.

**19** Reposition the pliers in the loop and continue rolling, forming a centered circle above the bead.

**20** The finished loop.

### Wrapped loop

**21** Make sure there is at least  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. (3.2 cm) of wire above the bead. With the tip of your chainnose pliers, grasp the wire directly above the bead. Bend the wire (above the pliers) into a right angle.

**22** Position the jaws of your roundnose pliers vertically in the bend.

**23** Bring the wire over the pliers' top jaw.

**24** Reposition the pliers' lower jaw snugly in the curved wire. Wrap the wire down and around the bottom of the pliers. This is the *first half of a wrapped loop*.

**25** Grasp the loop with chainnose pliers.

**26** Wrap the wire tail around the wire stem, covering the stem between the loop and the top bead. Trim the excess wrapping wire, and press the end close to the stem with chainnose or crimping pliers.

### Making a set of wraps above a top-drilled bead

**27** Center a top-drilled bead on a 3-in. (7.6 cm) piece of wire. Bend each end upward, crossing the wires into an X.

**28** Using chainnose pliers, make a small bend in each wire to form a right angle.

**29** Wrap the horizontal wire around the vertical wire as in a wrapped loop. Trim the excess wrapping wire.

### Split ring

**30** Proper position of split-ring pliers. \*

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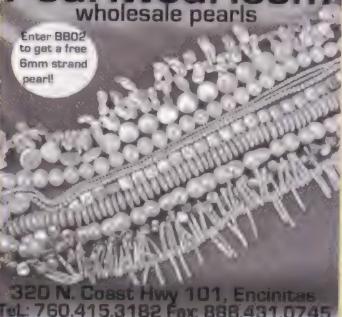
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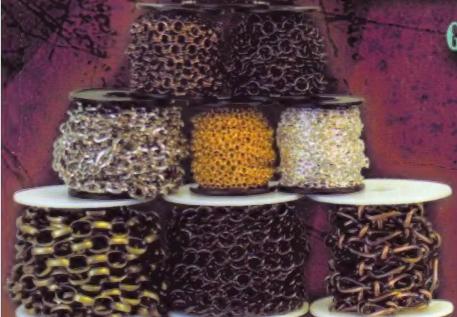
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